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SUBJECT: FY 78 BUDGET SUBMISSION

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1. REFERENCE UR TTPI NO. 644 AND TTPI 671. PASS TO TOM CROSSAN AND HARRY BROWN. ACCORDINGLY ONLY THREE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT PRESENT BETWEEN HI-COMM BUDGET AND COM BUDGET. COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE-PER DEPUTY SECR. OF INT. LTR. TO TTPI DATED APR. 21, 1976, STATUS BUDGET REVIEW AND AMOUNTS TO BE CONSIDERED ARE OUTSIDE HI-COMM AND COM REVIEW. ALL OTHER AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT SHOULD BE HANDLED AS PREVIOUSLY DONE, THAT IS, COM SHOULD SUBMIT EITHER WITH BUDGET OR SEPARATELY THOSE OBJECTIONS TO THE BUDGET AND WHY, AND THEN SHOW WHAT THEIR PRIORITIES ARE FOR THE DIFFERENCES ONLY. THESE DIFFERENCES WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND OMB. ONCE OMB ALLOWANCES FOR PRESIDENT'S BUDGET ARE MADE AND COM STILL DISAGREES WITH PRIORITIES WITHIN THAT ALLOWANCE THEN COM SHOULD WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROVIDE THEIR PRIORITIES TO THE DIFFERENCES ONLY SO THAT THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE CONGRESS TO REVIEW PRIOR TO HEARINGS. IN ADDITION IF COM DOES NOT AGREE WITH OMB ALLOWANCE THEY CAN AS PREVIOUSLY DONE SUBMIT A COM RESOLUTION TO THE CONGRESS ASKING FOR ADDITION-

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AL FUNDING.

IF THESE PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED A SEPARATE BUDGET SUBMISSION BY COM WOULD BE UNNECESSARY SINCE THE VIEWS OF THE COM WOULD ALREADY BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. IT IS DESIROUS THAT PRIOR TO OMB ALLOWANCES ALL DISAGREEMENTS BE RESOLVED IF POSSIBLE; ALSO ONCE OMB ALLOWANCES ARE FINAL FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES WITHIN THAT ALLOWANCE PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS. OTA IS SCHEDULED FOR OMB HEARINGS ON FRIDAY, OCT. 1, 1976, AT 2:00 P.M. IT IS FELT THAT COM REPRESENTATIVES AT HEARING WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR CROSSAN TO ATTEND IF HE IS IN STATES AT THIS TIME.

2. NEW SUBJECT: TTPI AUTHORIZATION. OMB HAS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD CLEAR FOR SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS PRIOR TO OCT. 2 ADJOURNMENT AN AUTHORIZATION FOR FY 78 ONLY OF \$75 MILLION IN TOTAL WITH THE CURRENT DOLLAR ADJUSTMENT, BUT THAT CIP COULD NOT EXCEED \$25 MILLION EVEN WITH ADJUSTMENT. OMB OBJECTIONS TO AUTHORIZATION NOW PENDING IS: (1) ONE YEAR AUTHORIZATION VS. THREE YEAR; (2) QUESTION ON CURRENT DOLLAR ADJUSTMENT; (3) FRONT END LOADING OF CONSTRUCTION VS. LEVEL FUNDING. AT PRESENT, THIS OFFICE REJECTED THE OMB PROPOSAL PENDING RECEIPT OF TTPI BUDGET ESTIMATES AND FURTHER EVALUATION. AS A RESULT, TTPI AUTHORIZATION BILL WILL NOT GO FORWARD UNTIL NEW CONGRESS COMES IN JANUARY 1977.

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